

**PARISH OF BIENVILLE,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of Bienville is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	19,105	2,683,516
1960	16,726	3,257,022
1970	16,024	3,644,637
1980	16,387	4,205,900
1990	15,979	4,219,973
1991	16,032	4,251,560
1992	16,177	4,287,195
1993	15,968	4,295,477
1994	15,952	4,315,085
1995	15,977	4,339,352
1996	15,685	4,350,579
1997	15,707	4,351,769
1998	15,657	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of Bienville are as follows:

YEAR	ARCADIA	BIEN VILLE	BRYCE LAND	CASTOR	GIBS LAND	JAMES TOWN	LUCKY	MOUNT LEBANON	RING GOLD	SALINE
1960	2,547	305	89	142	1,150				953	329
1970	2,970	287	65	183	1,380	153		102	1,731	307
1980	3,403	249	94	195	1,354	131	370	105	1,655	293
1990	3,079	316	103	196	1,224	148	342	102	1,856	272
1991	3,079	316	103	196	1,224	151	342	102	1,865	271
1992	3,071	316	106	212	1,224	164	345	102	1,891	271
1993	3,081	316	103	212	1,248	165	342	102	1,894	284
1994	3,081	316	107	226	1,258	166	359	102	1,895	284
1995	3,131	316	107	232	1,255	166	359	102	1,895	306
1996	3,131	316	107	232	1,255	170	359	102	1,875	295
1997	3,131	316	106	249	1,274	174	359	105	1,940	295
1998	3,131	316	106	249	1,284	173	359	105	1,952	304

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$11,211	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$12,086	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$12,961	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$13,727	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$14,434	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$15,098	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$15,458	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$15,891	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in Bienville Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$52,127	\$21,759	\$2,749	\$955	\$275	\$16,243
1992	\$54,306	\$20,173	\$2,743	\$1,224	\$460	\$18,066
1993	\$56,505	\$20,073	\$2,888	\$1,330	\$377	\$20,223
1994	\$91,902	\$22,776	\$5,836	\$2,953	\$16,111	\$10,120
1995	\$97,552	\$26,924	\$8,115	\$3,696	\$3,207	\$12,110
1996	\$114,664	\$29,673	\$11,162	\$4,806	\$3,633	\$13,367
1997	\$123,802	\$39,197	\$12,020	\$4,970	\$4,425	\$19,162

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of Bienville as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
BIENVILLE PARISH	3		3	4	7
ARCADIA	3	2	5	4	9
CASTOR	3	1	4	4	8
GIBSLAND	3	2	5	4	9
RINGGOLD	3	2	5	4	9

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$6,619	\$7,508	\$8,436	\$17,872	\$26,562
February	\$6,619	\$7,976	\$8,230	\$8,933	\$8,588
March	\$10,799	\$10,142	\$11,689	\$9,842	\$8,365
April	\$7,958	\$7,775	\$9,390	\$15,765	\$13,961
May	\$9,299	\$8,196	\$9,330	\$9,862	\$11,255
June	\$12,605	\$12,377	\$12,857	\$9,514	\$12,226
July	\$7,111	\$12,376	\$8,808	\$15,003	\$17,066
August	\$9,666	\$5,209	\$9,716	\$9,907	\$13,297
September	\$10,827	\$12,912	\$12,929	\$14,130	\$10,793
October	\$7,377	\$9,909	\$9,475	\$14,042	\$15,488
November	\$8,881	\$8,603	\$8,457	\$10,151	\$10,542
December	\$12,192	\$13,431	\$17,871	\$10,519	\$10,034
Annual Total	\$109,953	\$121,510	\$117,774	\$145,540	\$158,177

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of Bienville is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$89,056,800	\$10,101,400	\$99,158,200
1991	\$96,377,010	\$10,086,320	\$106,463,330
1992	\$99,010,570	\$10,090,060	\$109,100,630
1993	\$84,347,540	\$10,079,250	\$94,426,790
1994	\$86,741,210	\$10,237,880	\$96,979,090
1995	\$98,122,230	\$10,477,310	\$108,599,540
1996	\$103,575,850	\$10,759,000	\$114,334,850
1997	\$104,739,990	\$10,957,850	\$115,697,840
1998	\$112,255,870	\$11,167,890	\$123,423,760

Source: Bienville Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$22,267,140	\$32,848,630	\$44,042,430
1991	\$21,861,050	\$34,195,580	\$50,406,700
1992	\$22,455,920	\$37,126,220	\$49,518,490
1993	\$22,664,540	\$35,766,000	\$35,996,250
1994	\$22,669,790	\$37,135,040	\$37,174,260
1995	\$23,048,600	\$51,811,420	\$33,739,520
1996	\$25,444,220	\$54,058,770	\$34,831,860
1997	\$25,702,180	\$54,789,750	\$35,205,910
1998	\$26,054,570	\$57,965,000	\$39,404,190

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of Bienville follows:

Year	Millage
1990	57.62
1991	57.12
1992	57.12
1993	67.06
1994	58.47
1995	58.47
1996	56.27
1997	58.30
1998	57.06

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and Bienville Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of Bienville in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. BEAR CREEK STROAGE COMPANY	\$18,352,220
2. ENTERGY LOUISIANA, INC.	\$4,292,100
3. ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY	\$3,751,640
4. ALABAMA GAS CORPORATION	\$1,509,300
5. BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$1,445,530
6. DUKE ENERGY FIELD SERVICES, INC.	\$1,375,010
7. AT&T COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,324,450
8. CHEVRON USA INC.	\$1,310,600
9. BIENVILLE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD	\$1,220,340
10. CONAGRA POULTRY COMPANY	\$792,750

Source: Bienville Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the Bienville Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	3,161	2,698	2,922	2,812
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	3,198	2,843	3,036	2,975
PUBLIC	3,255	3,052	3,044	2,990

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the Bienville Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$25,014	\$24,873	\$27,377	\$29,287
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$4,556	\$4,952	\$5,522	\$5,724
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$0	\$0	\$79,383	\$3,238,642
DEBT SERVICE	\$869,812	\$874,647	\$867,202	\$1,038,452
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$14,567,863	\$14,524,508	\$15,507,430	\$16,684,800

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.